

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the specification

A. Amendments to the specification

The specification is amended, as shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION, to correct a minor informality inadvertently added in the preliminary amendment, to properly amend the abstract, to include descriptions of the revised drawing figures, and to revise the title of the application to be more descriptive. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, as the changes simply correct minor informalities.

Entry of the AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Objections to the specification

Reconsideration and removal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to the specification and abstract discussed above, on the basis that the minor informalities pointed out in the Office action have been corrected.

Accordingly, removal of these objections is respectfully requested.

2. In the drawings

A. Drawing amendments

Figures 2 and 3 are presently amended in the REPLACEMENT SHEETS of pages 2 and 3 of the drawings. Specifically, the inset figures have been isolated and separately identified and the section line has been relabeled. It is respectfully submitted that no new subject matter is introduced, since only identification of already illustrated features is provided by way of the amendment.

Acceptance of the REPLACEMENT SHEETS is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Drawing objections

Reconsideration and removal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to the drawings discussed above, on the basis that the minor informalities pointed out in the Office action have been corrected.

In particular, the inset illustrations of Figures 2 and 3 have been separately labeled and identified, and the section line has been appropriately renumbered.

With regard to the lead lines having arrowheads, it is submitted that such use of the arrowheads is appropriate to identify the whole of each of the panels or sub panels.

Accordingly, in view of the above, removal of these objections is respectfully requested.

3. In the claims

As shown in the foregoing LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, the claims have been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter for which protection is sought.

A. Claim amendments

Claim 1 remains canceled.

Claim 2 is amended to correct the minor informalities noted in the Office action and to provide clarity to the claim. Specifically, the recommended changes that were helpfully suggested by the Examiner have been implemented. Additionally, each reference to the sub panel has been amended to be consistent with the initial recitation of "at least one sub panel." Further lines 16-19 of claim 2 have been amended so that each recited element has antecedent basis and to clarify and avoid any double inclusions. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added as the changes merely correct minor informalities.

Claim 3 is canceled.

Claim 4 is left unchanged.

Entry of the LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Claim objections

Reconsideration and removal of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to the claims discussed above, on the basis that the minor informalities pointed out in the Office action have been corrected.

Accordingly, in view of the above, removal of these objections is respectfully requested.

C. Rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to claim 2, on the basis that amended claim 2 is clear and definite.

Claim 2 is amended, as discussed above, to eliminate any possible double inclusion in order to clarify that the elements referred to lines 16-19 are the same elements as recited previously in the claim.

Further, claim 2 is also amended, as discussed above, to clarify the recitation of the recesses, which are respectively defined across the first strips. Thus, the second strips of the at least one sub panel are inserted into the respect recess when the at least one sub panel is joined to the upper or lower end of the main panel.

In view of these amendments, it is submitted that claim 2 is clear and definite and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

4. Rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 5,617,688 (*Gandy et al.*) in view of U.S. patent no. 4,765,110 (*Gandy et al.*)

This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 3.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

5. Allowable subject matter

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 2. Accordingly, claim 2 has been amended to correct the minor informalities noted in the Office action, and to clarify the claim in order to obviate the rejection of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. Thus, all of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

6. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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